



# COMMON GROUND



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## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

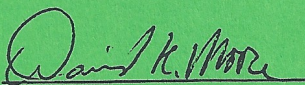
### How Much is Enough?

When I was a young man of about 23, I made a commitment to myself that I did not want to make more than \$1,000.00 a month without giving the excess away. Unfortunately, this goal withered because it was unclear if this included business expenses or not. At the time I was a traveling musician and spent a great deal of money to make phone calls, write letters, buy gas, tapes, etc. Yet, my commitment was not in vain; it set a standard for my life that at some point "enough was enough".

I have since made more than \$1,000.00 a month and cannot remember the details of the commitment (if there were any). I have prayed and feel quite comfortable with how much I am paid. You might ask, "Why make such a silly commitment?". At the time, I lived with my parents and did not pay rent. I had very little debt other than a car payment. My desire was to let God know that I needed a simple living and no more.

In a recent *Money* magazine article, it talked about how rich Bill Gates is: owning approximately \$51 billion in Microsoft stock. The story said that if Mr. Gates funded a manned mission to Mars costing \$25 billion dollars, bailed out Russia at \$12.5 billion dollars, repaid Chicago's public schools at \$3 billion dollars, he would still have \$10.5 billion dollars left, making him the seventh richest person in the country.

I am not putting down Bill Gates and I am quite aware that he has given a great deal of money to worthwhile causes. But still the question remains, "How much is enough? How much is *too much*?". Looking back, I may have been too idealistic about the \$1,000.00 figure. I also realize that what one needs as a single person changes when one gets married, starts a family, and takes on additional responsibilities. Now when I ask myself how much I really need, I find myself mulling over these two thoughts: one can get by on much less than one might think, and one can spend more than one ever thought. It is important to not make money into a god, but to use it for God's glory.

  
David Moore, Director





## WEEKLY EVENTS

\***MONDAY:** "RA-MON-DAY"-Have a free ramen lunch with friends at the UCM Office!

Drop in anytime between 12 P.M.-1:30 P.M.

MUSIC-Practice and jam session, UCM Office @ 4:00 P.M.

\***TUESDAY:** VESPERS-Casual worship service, Lola Tilly Commons Lounge @ 7:30 P.M.

\***THURSDAY:** LUNCH BUNCH-Bible study and snack time, 307 Gruening @ 1 P.M. This semester we are discussing John.

\***SUNDAY:** LEADERSHIP-Open to anyone interested in planning UCM activities. 307 Gruening @ 8:00 P.M. Come and share! We are also studying the minor prophets.

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Day to Pray will be Thursday, Nov. 12th. in the UCM office from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Please sign up or drop in to fill one (or more) 30 minute time slot(s). Our goal is to have 2 or more people praying for 12 hours. "Whenever two or more people are gathered in His name..."

Oliver! Come join us for the Fairbanks Light Opera production of *Oliver* on Friday, Nov. 20th. We will meet at the United Campus Ministry office at 7 p.m. and carpool to Herring Auditorium. The cost is \$5.00.

**Thanksgiving Celebration!** We are planning a Thanksgiving bounty and would like you to be a part of the festivities! Meet at the office at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26th. with an empty stomach and warm clothes for after-dinner snow football. This is always one of UCM's most fun events! If you would like to help prepare the meal the night before, please meet at the UCM office at 6 p.m.

**Leadership is Out to Lunch!** Anyone who has been involved in Leadership this semester is invited to lunch at the Food Factory on Saturday, Dec. 5th. We will meet at the office at 11:30 a.m. Come celebrate a successful semester!

**Finals Care Package Prep.** will also take place on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Meet at Gruening 304 at 5 p.m. to help put our packages together and enjoy a pizza snack. As we have proved once again this semester, many hands make for light work!

**Christmas Party!** We will meet at the office at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11th for a wonderful winter evening of singing, fun, and fellowship. After visiting and caroling at the Pioneer Home, we will gather for a white elephant gift exchange and good food. Please bring a wrapped, inexpensive gift to donate to the exchange-and be creative!

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